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Having Tea With Kate

By JANE OSBORN

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SATURDAY luncheon had consisted of very, very thin soup, with a few very small croutons—and there wasn't much in the plates, either. Then there had been midget fish balls—one to a person—short rations of bread and butter—plenty of pickles, weak tea and—that was all. Roderick Hemstead, who occupied one of the front rooms on the second floor of the fine old-fashioned house had come home early, in time for luncheon, and intended to spend the afternoon working over some papers from the office. He had dropped in for luncheon, to which he was certainly entitled since he paid full board. Nora Lane was home, too, though on school days she bought her luncheon at a little tearoom near the school where she taught.

Now Roderick sat in his room considering his papers, but much more seriously considering how hungry he was. He'd go out and get some afternoon tea if it wasn't such an infernal nuisance. And he didn't even have a cracker in his room. Nora had been correcting papers, but it seemed now as if she couldn't correct another unless she had something to eat.

Starvation fare—that's what it was at Mrs. Miller's boarding house.

Just then came a curious timid sort of scratching noise on Nora's door. "It's me," said a voice, as Nora opened to see an oldish woman in a blue gingham dress. Nora knew at once that this was Katie, the cook, though she had seen her only a few times. Students came in to serve the meals—and this Mrs. Miller considered a great advantage since you never had to feed them. And Mrs. Miller and Katie and poor timorous Mr. Miller did the rest.

"I thought maybe you'd come to the kitchen for a cupful of tea," suggested Katie. "Lunch was none too hearty." She laughed a little and waited for Miss Lane to accept her invitation. "You see Mrs. Miller is away. Won't possibly be back until after dinner tonight. I always have my tea and toast at four, and I thought I'd see if there was anyone in that would like some."

So Nora Lane, feeling as guilty as a child about to pilfer the pantry, followed the broad-backed Katie to the kitchen below. Steps on the back stairs following them proved to be those of Roderick Hemstead, who sat across the dining room from Nora. She knew his name, thought him very good looking, and that was about all.

"This young gentleman was working in his room," explained Katie. "I knew that meal would never last him through the afternoon."

Katie was now setting tea cups and saucers and spoons on the immaculate white oilcloth top of her kitchen table.

A half-hour had passed when Nora and Roderick groped their way up the back stairs.

"Wasn't it fun?" asked Nora.

"You bet," said Roderick.

"And it isn't as if we weren't entitled to the things, either," defended Nora. "We both pay full board and we are hardly ever here for luncheon. Wouldn't Mrs. Miller have a fit?"

"That's what makes it such good sport. Wish I sat on the same side of the dining room that you do."

"Why?" asked Nora, also glad of the dark.

"Guess why," said Roderick, for they were now in the light of the upstairs hall and Roderick didn't dare say more.

Frequently that winter Mrs. Miller had engagements on Saturday afternoon and for some reason Katie always found her young man and her young lady, as she called them, in their rooms, ready to be asked to a kitchen tea party.

Then came the final kitchen tea party, to which Roderick and Nora came looking so confused and self-conscious that Katie felt sure that Roderick had stolen a kiss on the back stairs. Never was a tea party more delightful, and Katie was in rare good humor. Perhaps they were too preoccupied. Anyway they did not hear the footsteps of the ample Mrs. Miller coming through the pantry.

"Katie," she shrieked, "what do you mean by this? How dare you? I discharge you on the spot?"

Katie and Nora looked helplessly at each other and Roderick, who had risen, bowed slightly to his landlady. "Let me explain," he said. "We have been making arrangements — Miss Lane and I—with Katie to come and keep house for us. But perhaps I had better explain. Miss Lane and I are engaged. We shall settle in our own house immediately after our wedding." Nora blushed and nodded an affirmative to the bewildered Katie.

"How dare you conspire to get my cook away from me, right here in my own house?" shrieked Mrs. Miller.

"That's just it. As a matter of fact we hadn't spoken of the matter to her. We were going to. But we felt a little reticent about making advances here, as you say, in your own house. But since you have already discharged Katie, of course we need no longer feel any such scruples. Katie, do you accept our offer?"

Katie said she did. And there was a decided coolness between Mrs. Miller, her cook, and two of her best-paying boarders until the three last named left two days later.

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Sunday School Lesson

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Lesson for June 6

JACOB AND ESAU

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 33:1-11.

GOLDEN TEXT—Be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.—Ephes. 4:32.

PRIMARY TOPIC — Two Brothers Make Up a Quarrel.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Esau Forgives Jacob.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Brotherly Love and Forgiveness.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—A Lesson in Reconciliation.

I. Their Birth (25:21-26).

In answer to Isaac's prayer, seed was given unto him. Before the children were born God revealed unto Rebekah the fact that the elder should serve the younger. God reversed the ordinary law concerning the position of the elder son.

II. Esau Sells His Birthright (25:27-33).

1. It was right that Jacob should have the birthright and the blessing, for it was according to God's plan which had been preannounced, but his scheme to get them is to be condemned. He took advantage of a brother's weakness to drive a sharp bargain.

2. Esau the profane (Heb. 12:16, 17).

Many think that profanity is only swearing, but swearing is not the most common profanity. To be under the sway of appetite is to be a profane person. Esau was a supreme example. He sold his birthright for a bowl of pottage. This birthright was the right of being at the head of the patriarchal family, a position of honor and influence, as well as being the inheritor of a double portion of the father's estate. This being a gift of God, it should not be despised. In the moment of his distress he thought only of that which would bring him some carnal satisfaction. He was willing to relinquish all claims on the future if only his present desire could be gratified. A profane person, therefore, is one who for the enjoyment of the present will forfeit all claims upon the future.

III. Jacob Secures the Blessing (Gen. 27).

1. Esau requested to get venison for his father (vv. 1-4).

Isaac loved Esau because of his venison (Gen. 25:28). He ought to have loved him because he was his son. It is a sad commentary upon a father that his love for his son had such a sordid basis as that of his stomach.

2. Rebekah's scheme (vv. 5-33).

God had said to her that the elder should serve the younger. It was His plan that Jacob should be at the head, but God was able to bring His own plans to pass.

3. Esau's remorseful cry (vv. 34-36). When he came to realize that he had not only lost his birthright but the blessing, his conscience smote him and he earnestly begged for a blessing, even seeking it with bitter tears.

IV. Jacob Meets Esau (Gen. 33:1-11).

1. As a result of Jacob's cunning and deceit he was obliged to flee from home to save his life. In spite of his selfishness and sin God appeared to him at Bethel.

2. Prayer for deliverance from Esau's wrath (32:9-12).

He was about to meet his brother, whom he had wronged some twenty years before.

(1) He made his plea on the basis of God's covenant. Jacob came in line with the Abrahamic covenant, so he had a right to plead that relationship.

(2) He plead that he was in God's way. We should assure ourselves that we are going according to God's will, then make our pleas before Him on that ground.

(3) He made a definite plea. He told God plainly of his danger. He said, "Deliver me from the hand of my brother."

3. The angel wrestles with Jacob (32:22-36).

Observe that it was not Jacob wrestling with the angel, but the angel wrestling with Jacob. Jacob did not get the blessing because he wrestled, but he was not blessed until he had been crippled and in his helplessness clung to God.

4. Jacob gets a new name (32:27-30).

This experience at the ford of Jabbok wrought a mighty change in Jacob. "Jacob" with his cunning and deceit was left behind and "Israel," "a prince with God," entered the land.

V. Esau and Jacob Reconciled (33:1-11).

At Jabbok Jacob got right with God, so now he easily got right with Esau. It is easy to get right with our brother after getting right with God.

In a Trackless Wilderness

He who sees no star can never be stable. He wanders vainly in a trackless wilderness.—G. H. Morrison.

Ill Thoughts Leave a Trail

An arrow may fly through the air and leave no trace; but an ill thought leaves a trial like a serpent.

When the male and female flappers set the woodlands afire by their careless smoking habits, might be well to let them go out and saw and split up the wood they have damaged.

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

By Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer, D. D.

June 6th.—**How May We Create and Spread Happiness?** Matt. 5: 1-12; Acts 8: 4-8.

Happiness is the universal quest of the soul. In every age of the world and among all classes of people there is a search for happiness. It is considered a pearl of great price and there are those who would purchase it at almost any price. Happiness may be had provided we are willing to pay the price. It is, however, not purchased by the coin of this world. It can be secured only by a currency of its own. There are many who search for it but miss it along the way and continue to live their lives in sadness and despair.

Now, happiness does not come by chance. It is not something so fitful and uncertain. It is not something arbitrary. The things that merely happen do not constitute happiness. It comes along certain well-defined laws and principles. Let us look at a few of these.

First—Happiness is not found in outward circumstances and conditions. Men have been seeking it in the environment of their lives only to come away disappointed. Happiness does not lie in the possession of wealth nor in the enjoyment of luxury. Some of these things may aid in producing it, but in themselves they can never create or maintain real happiness in the soul. A man may be surrounded by every form of luxury; every prospect around him may be pleasing, and yet he may have no peace of mind or joy of heart. We deceive ourselves when we suppose that a change of location, for instance a move into another street or into a section of the country, would bring us desired happiness. Such changes may be very desirable. They may even contribute to the sum of human joy. But happiness is something deeper, more vital than the external surroundings amid which our life and thought are cast. Happiness is a spirit, a state, an atmosphere, an attitude of the soul. It is something that lives within, rather than without. It is something that cannot be taken on like one puts on a garment. It is something rather that wells up from the soul within. It is the overflow of the soul in some of its loftiest and noblest forms.

Second—Happiness frequently comes as a by-product. Most of God's good gifts come to us indirectly. We go about living the Christ life, forgetful of self, using ourselves in service to others and there comes to us strength and peace and joy and all the blessings that enrich our lives. But they come as sort of by-products, not because we have directly gone after them. They come somewhat like health comes to us. We do not go in direct search of health, but we eat, and breathe in the air, and exercise and work, and as we do all these things the glow of health comes to our bodies. So happiness generally comes as a by-product. We seldom find it when we go directly in search of it. It comes unbidden in the ordinary walks of life when we are doing our duty faithfully and well. Like an angel it overtakes us along the road. It is one of the surprises that come into our lives. We never say in the morning, "Now, let us go forth and be happy." If we did that we would very likely be disappointed, but when we go forth in self-forgetfulness, seeking to make somebody else happy, then happiness comes along and fills our own soul.

"Do thy duty—that is best;
Leave unto thy God the rest."

Now, while this is true, we must at the same time so order our lives that the laws of happiness may be fulfilled in us. God wants us to be happy. He made the birds to sing and He wants His children to be happy. We used to think that we could not be good unless we were sad. We used to think that pain spelled piety and pleasure perdition. But now we understand that happiness and health and holiness go together. The finest graces do not grow in gloom. To be glad and to rejoice is quite as pleasing to God as to weep and lament. If we lead natural and normal lives and do the things that God wants us to do we shall most likely find happiness along life's road.

Third—Happiness roots itself in goodness. The secret of happiness lies in grasping the significance of living to the highest and the best. Men are happy in proportion as they yield themselves to high ideals. Paul is happier in a dungeon than Nero on his throne. Real happiness never thrives among bad people. Wicked people seldom are happy. They may have a form of frivolity, but it is not real, genuine, abiding happiness. The foundations of happiness are laid in goodness and virtue and truth. Study again those wonderful beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount and observe the emphasis which Jesus lays upon ethical and moral qualities which form the basis of true happiness. The poor in spirit, the meek, the pure in heart, the peace-makers, those who hunger and thirst after righteousness—these are the happy people in the world. It is not because they are a happy-go-lucky crowd, but because they possess a certain peace and joy which the world cannot give nor take away. Therefore, if you would be happy, strive to be holy. If you would be glad, try to be good, for wickedness and wretchedness follow each other like sin and sorrow, but happiness and holiness, gladness and goodness, walk arm in arm along life's way.

Fourth—Happiness must be shared. One cannot be happy by himself. It takes two to enjoy a feast. The old adage runs, "Happy is that happy makes." "A merry heart doeth good as a medicine." Happiness is contagious, it is catching. It multiplies in the degree in which it is shared with others. There are some things which we can give away and still keep. There are some things the more of which we impart to others the more we have for ourselves. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth." Happiness is like mercy—it is twice blessed: it blesses him who gives and him who receives. Blessed are those people who try to make others happy. They have their reward now and a crown of rejoicing is awaiting them hereafter. No greater joy can ever come to any soul than the consciousness of having blessed and enriched other lives and set the joy bells ringing in their souls. The music of merry lives flood other souls with melody.

"Use all your hidden forces. Do not miss
The purpose of this life, and do not wait
For circumstances to mold or change your fate.
In your own self lies destiny. Let this
Vast truth cast out all fear, all prejudice,
All hesitation. Know that you are great,
Great with divinity. So dominate
Environment, and enter into bliss—
Love largely and hate nothing. Hold no aim
That does not chord with universal good.
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FOR SHERIFF

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